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# Temperance Column.

By the Ocala Temperance Reform Club.

Edited by J. A. Munden.

The Club meets every Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in Temperance Hall. The Public are invited.

## A Sad Calamity.

The newspapers of the day are filled with harrowing accounts of cyclones, murders, drownings, suicides, and railroad wrecks, until our hearts almost sink within us.

But here at home, almost at our doors, is one of the most horrible and sad affairs we have been called upon to chronicle.

Harry Goss, a young man in the prime and vigor of youth, with a fine intellect, is suddenly cut down, and his soul ushered into the presence of the God who created him.

We know very little of his spiritual condition. Let the mantle of charity fall over the acts and life of Harry Goss. It is said that he was, or had been, drinking. Yes, it is the same old story we hear every day. "Somebody's darling" has yielded up his young life to the fiend that is carrying so many to an untimely, early grave.

Well, who is to blame for it? The man who sold him the poison that caused his death is not a bit more responsible nor more guilty than the good, moral, genteel, refined, qualified citizen, who signed the petition authorizing the sale of the horrid stuff.

This state of things will occur to plague us and then calamities will occur until the people rise up in their might and do away with this monstrous evil, the liquor traffic.

## STRONG DRINK SETS BAD EXAMPLE.

A saloon keeper going into the garden one day saw his little boy and the neighbor's children playing saloon. They had a bench, bottle and tumblers, and some were so under the influence of the liquor that they staggered. One of them lay in a drunken sleep. "Boys, you must not!" the father said, as he took his six-year-old boy from the bench. "We's play-in' saloon, papa, an' I was sellin' it just like you."

The man poured out the beer, took the drunken boy home, and then sat down and cried like a child.

He never sold another drop of liquor.

## DRINK CORRUPTS THE HEART.

Total abstinence would empty the prisons, reduce our taxation more than fifty per cent, cleanse the public records almost wholly of crime, four fifths of which is a direct result of intoxicants, and purify our politics of most of its corruption.

One of our bright, promising young men will hold forth at the Ocala Temperance Reform Club next Sunday afternoon. We must give him a crowded house.

While you have the drink you will have the drunkard—George W. Bain.

It is a drink, a drunk, and a drunkard; an appetite, a taste, and a delirium.—Rev. S. W. Pratt.

I oppose drink, because it op-

poses me. The work I try to do, it undoes.—Bishop C. D. Foss.

Strong drink is not only the devil's way into a man, but man's way to the devil.—Adam Clark.

Drink baffles us, confounds us, and mocks us at every point; the public-house holds its triumphant course.—London Times.

The great cause of social crime is drink. The great cause of poverty is drink. When I hear of a family broken up and ask the cause—drink. If I go to the gallows and ask its victim the cause—drink. Then I ask myself in perfect wonderment, why do not men put a stop to this thing?—Bishop John Ireland.

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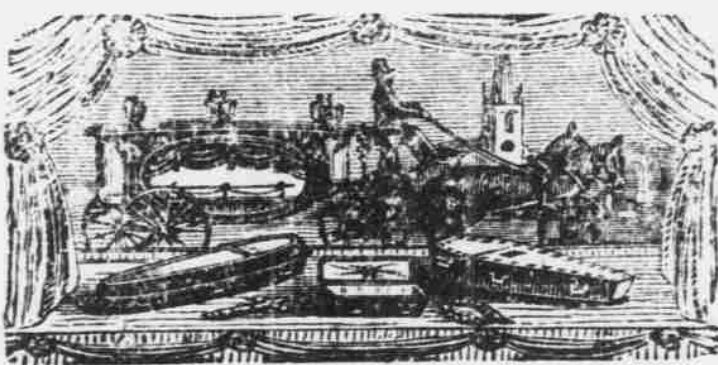
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